

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 686 – SB 817**

March 31, 2015

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Increases the maximum weight limit for axles and axle groups for permitted, nondivisible overweight loads on freight vehicles from 20,000 pounds per axle to 23,000 pounds per axle.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures- \$25,000/Highway Fund/One-Time  
Exceeds \$50,000/Highway Fund/Recurring

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005140):** Deletes all language of the original bill. Authorizes the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to issue a special permit for overweight vehicles up to 150,000 pounds. Establishes size requirements for overweight vehicles. Establishes the excessive weight fee at \$20.00 plus 6 cents per ton-mile.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Revenue - \$1,413,300/Recurring/Highway Fund**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$25,000/One-Time/Highway Fund**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- TDOT reports a one-time expense of \$25,000 to upgrade the department's permit system in FY15-16. Such expenditure is assumed to be paid from the Highway Fund.
- TDOT has provided a detailed spreadsheet to Fiscal Review Committee staff showing fees per ton mile, different weight classifications, number of permits, average tonnage over 80,000 pounds, and other relevant information necessary to estimate the impact of the amended bill.
- For the purpose of brevity, all the calculations that would be necessary to show how an estimated fiscal impact would be derived for the amended bill have been omitted from these assumptions. However, such information is on file with Fiscal Review Committee staff and is available upon request.
- The recurring increase in permit fee revenue to the Highway Fund is estimated to be \$1,413,300.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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